

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after the title "DNA CHIP AND ITS PREPARATION" on line 2 and before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on line 4:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application number 10/053,326 filed on January 17, 2002 which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/499,717 filed on February 8, 2000, which claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-030429 filed on February 8, 1999, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--